

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
YOUTH LINK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2009
6:00-8:00 p.m.

City Hall
Room 1E-120
Bellevue, WA

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chairs Brenda Gurung and Alice Zhang, Boardmembers, Rachel Jiang, Farrah Khan, Michelle Mattson-Hamilton, Mike Murphy, Lt. Dave Sellers, Deven Tokuno, Nikolai Zapertov

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Juan Esparza¹, Faisal Jaswal², Brian Li³, Nancy O'Brien-Abel⁴

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Alina, Helena Stephens

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Gurung at 6:05 p.m.

Timekeeper: Boardmember Tokuno

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The meeting agenda was approved by general consensus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Mattson-Hamilton and second by Boardmember Murphy to approve the March 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Youth Link Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

¹ Absence excused.

² Absence excused.

³ Absence excused.

⁴ Absence excused.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

5. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. BYC Executive Committee

Mr. Alina reported on the following items:

- The Snoqualmie Valley Youth Summit was recently held. The summit focused on youth resources available.
- There was a BYC meeting and social event held March 18.
- Responses from the recent Earth Hour event are still being compiled.
- No Action Team meetings will be held due to Spring Break.
- There was a large turnout for the Teen Closet event held March 30. Teen Closet received a \$500 grant from Altrusa that will help purchase additional racks and tubs.
- A service project was held at the Jubilee Reach Center on April 1.
- CLA nominations are encouraged—forms are available online.

Co-Chair Gurung requested that the BYC calendar be included with the Board packet materials.

b. Staff Report

Ms. Stephens reported on the following items:

- There will be a “Police and Youth: Building bridges of understanding” presentation by Eastside Conversations on Race and Culture. This event will be held on April 22 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. All youth members are encouraged to attend.
- The Youth Link 2009 Gumbo Night will be held on April 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All Boardmembers are encouraged to attend the YL Gumbo Night event.
- The Sheep Shearing event will be held on April 25 at Kelsey Creek Community Farm.
- A judge from Japan is interested in the Youth Court program and will be observing the April 28 Youth Court session.
- There will be a 24-Hour Relay Challenge Steering Committee meeting on April 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Relay will be held on June 27 and 28 in Downtown Park.
- Earth Day/Arbor Day will be held April 18. A Family Festival will be held at Lewis Creek Park to celebrate the event.
- An evaluation team has been selected to evaluate the Bellevue Youth Court project. Contract terms are being finalized.
- The March-April edition of *Outspoken* was distributed.
- A new BSD Superintendent has been appointed and will attend the CLA ceremony.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approval of Eco Committee – Earth Week Proposal

See later in the meeting minutes.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

- a. Environmental Committee Update

Boardmember Jiang discussed the Environmental Committee project for bag recycling and collection. The Committee is working with Newport High School's Eco Club during Earth Week to promote environmental awareness. Boardmember Jiang discussed the activities planned for Earth Week, including a plastic bag exchange. Boardmember Sellers added that Newport High School is supportive of the partnership between Youth Link and the Eco Club.

Item 6 Continued:

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- b. Approval of Eco Committee – Earth Week Proposal

Co-Chair Zhang discussed the Activity/Project Proposal and Plan that was submitted to Newport High School for Earth Week.

Boardmember Khan explained that Earth Week is being held in May rather than April due to the upcoming AP testing schedule.

Co-Chair Zhang summarized the bag exchange program and showed the reusable bag that will be distributed in exchange for 10 plastic bags. Reusable bags will be provided by the City. These bags have also been used throughout the City of Bellevue by the City's Green Team.

Motion by Boardmember Murphy and second by Boardmember Tokuno to support the Newport High School Green Team/Eco Club Earth Week. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Motion by Boardmember Michelle Mattson-Hamilton and second by Boardmember Tokuno to approve reusable bag selection of up to \$700 for Earth Week. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Item 7 Continued:

STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

b. Evaluation Committee Update

Boardmember Murphy explained that the Evaluation Committee is reviewing comments provided by the City regarding their proposal. Ms. Stephens cautioned that the project may be delayed due to the current economic conditions.

c. Public Outreach & Marketing Update

Co-Chair Gurung suggested that the Public Outreach Committee discuss the proposed logo changes with Ms. Uraizee and/or Ms. Stephens so a new logo can be selected and finalized.

10. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Boardmember Sellers discussed the upcoming Special Olympics fundraiser sponsored by the Police Department. This year, officers will be working with the Bellevue and Factoria Red Robin on April 18 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. Officers will be available to give tours of various police vehicles.

Boardmember Murphy discussed recent trends toward energy savings throughout school districts. One way some districts are saving energy is by adjusting the school schedule to four days rather than five. Since some of Bellevue's schools are older and do not possess the energy efficiency options like some of the newer schools, it may take awhile before this concept is introduced into the Bellevue School District.

Ms. Stephens noted that the City is working on a project that provides information on resources available during the current recession (i.e., where to get assistance and how to help those in need). This program will also encourage sponsorships for youth programs.

Ms. Stephens called attention to an upcoming television program entitled "Parks & Recreation" that will be aired on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Congratulations were extended to Boardmembers Tokuno, Jiang, Khan, and Zapertov for their college news.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Boardmember Sellers and second by Boardmember Khan to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).